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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Kazuhiko SHIGEMI et al.

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For : CHARGE COLLECTING SYSTEM AND  
PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE  
SAME

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Action dated August 25, 2004, together with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 and a Petition for Extension of Time. Amendment of the application as shown on the following pages, prior to further examination, is respectfully requested.

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